

Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC)

is a program of assessment and analysis of adult skills. This international survey is conducted in over 40 countries/economies and measures the key cognitive and workplace skills needed for individuals to participate in society and for economies to prosper. The evidence from the Survey has helped countries better understand how education and training systems can nurture these skills.

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The survey is implemented by:

- interviewing adults aged 16 to 65 in their homes – 5 000 individuals in each participating country·answering questions via computer, although the Survey can also be implemented via pencil-and-paper
- assessing literacy and numeracy skills and the ability to solve problems in technology-rich environments
- collecting a broad range of information, including how skills are used at work and in other contexts, such as the home and the community.
- The survey is designed:
 - to be valid cross-culturally and internationally
 - for countries to be able to administer the survey in their national languages and still obtain comparable results
 - to provide comparative analysis of skill-formation systems and their outcomes, and international benchmarking regarding adult skills
 - as a survey that will be repeated over time to allow policy makers to monitor the development of key aspects of human capital in their countries.

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